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In the International Military
Tribunal for the Far East.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
OTHERS

v

ARAKI, Sadao and OTHERS

AFFIDAVIT.

I, GEORGE DE VERDON WESTLEY of 284a Camberwell Road, Camberwell in the State of Victoria, formerly VX 44808 Major G. De V. Westley of 2/21 Battalion make oath and say:-

1. I was with 2/21 Battalion on Amboina Island in February 1942 when the Japanese landed. At that time Lt-Col Scott was commanding the Battalion, he was also Commanding Officer of Gull Force. This Force consisted of the battalion and attached troops. The troops from this Force were disposed in two main bodies, approximately 800 being on the Ambon side and about 300 on the Laha side of the island.
2. I became a prisoner in February, 1942, and remained a prisoner on the island until the Japanese surrender in 1945.
3. In September, 1945, I sent a reconnaissance party to Laha to endeavour to trace the men who had been at Laha and of whom I had not heard since the surrender. Lieutenant Russel was in charge of this reconnaissance party. A Japanese Medical Officer pointed out to him a cairn under which he said about 200 men were buried but he could not say whether they were Australians or Japanese. Lieutenant Russell was unable to find any other trace of the Australians who had been at Laha.

SWORN at Melbourne in)
the State of Victoria)
this seventh day of)
October, 1946.)
BEFORE ME

(Sgd) G. De V. WESTLEY

(sgd) W. A. Fax
Commissioner for taking affidavits
and declarations under the Evidence
Act, 1928.

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私前々大隊以四八〇陸軍大佐 G. De V. ウェストミ
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デヴァードン ウェストミハ宣誓書陳述ス。

一、私ハ日本軍が上陸シタ一九四二年二月ニアンボイナ島、
大隊ト一緒デアリマシタ。ソ、時陸軍中佐 スコットが同大
隊ヲ指揮シテサタ。彼ハ又「ガル」部隊、司令官デアタ。
コ、部隊ハ同大隊ト配属部隊トヨリタテサタ。コ、部隊
ヨリ分ヒテ末タ兵員ハ二個ノ主要ナ部隊トナテ配置サタ。
即チ「アンボ」側ニハ約八〇〇名、及島、コ、側ニハ約三百
名。

二、私ハ一九四二年二月ニ捕虜トナツテ、一九四五年日本が降伏
シタ時ニテ同島ニ於テ捕虜トシテ居タ。

三、一九四五年九月前ニ「コ」ニ居テ、降伏後何ソノ消息モ
ナカツタ者ヲ探サウトシテ私ハ搜索隊ヲ「コ」ニ出シタ。
スッセル中尉ハコノ搜索隊ノ責任者デアツタ。日本、軍
医將校が彼ニ石塚ヲ指サシテコノ下ニ約二百名が埋ツテ
居ルト云ツタ。併シ彼ハソノ等が濠洲兵デアルカ日本
兵デアルカ言フコトガ出来ナカツタ。スッセル中尉ハ「コ」ニ
居ツタ濠洲兵ノ痕跡ヲ他ニ発見出来ナカツタ。

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